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Chapter 1

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Star stands in an empty hallway, feeling a hole in her heart. "This should have never happened. I should have been watching out for him like he always did for me. It's all my fault." Tears started streaming down her face and she let out an ear-piercing shriek. "I failed him!"

Two Weeks Earlier

"Marco! I need to tell you something. I asked Tom to do some scouting for me and he got a tip about your parents. But I wouldn't worry about it." "Wait, what?! Let's go tell them!" "It's fine Marco. Nothing has happened to them before. Why would something happen now?" "Okay Star, I trust you." They all went about their day as usual. Meanwhile back at the Diaz house, there was a knock on the door. "Oh, I'll see who it is!" Mrs Diaz got up and answered the door. She found a troop of guards standing outside

A couple hours later, a messenger comes rushing into the castle. "Excuse me, where's Marco Diaz?" Marco makes his way towards him. "I'm Marco Diaz. What's the problem?" The messenger let out a sigh with a troubling look. He was struggling to tell him the news. Marco was feeling nervous. "S-sir? What happened?!" "I'm sorry Marco, but your parents are dead. They were attacked. The house was found in shambles along with their bodies. I give you all my condolences." Marco started stumbling back. He couldn't keep his balance. "Marco? Are you okay?" "Uh y-yeah." He held his head as he stood up. He began hyperventilating at what he just heard. Then something changed inside him. Something snapped. He had a menacing look on his face. As he started to walk away, he quietly said to himself "There's somebody I need to talk to."

Chapter 2

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Marco was absolutely furious at what he just heard. It felt like he got hit with an ax. Everyone around him in the halls could sense the hatred fuming from him. He made his way up a staircase to Star's room. You can faintly hear her talking to someone

"Great work. I really appreciate it."

Marco broke down the door with sweat dripping off his face. "Hang up the phone now!!"

"Oh my gosh! Uh..Tom I'll call you right back. What is the MATTER with you Marco?!" Marco was now more mad than ever. He thought why Star can't realize what she's done

"What's the matter with ME?! You basically have now made me an orphan! My parents are dead!!!" At this point, Marco had tears streaming down his face. His fists were clenched. He actually wanted to hit Star but it was taking all that's in him to not do it

"Marco.....I'm sorry. I thought for sure they would be okay." She put a hand on his shoulder but he quickly shoved it off

"Well, thanks to your arrogance they're gone." He dropped his head towards his feet, not wanting to even look Star in the eyes

"We can fix this."

"No we can't! I'm never going to get them back! You're not fit to be queen with how you act. You can't even be a princess. You're just a joke to your entire family." Marco stormed out of the room, leaving Star in shock. A sudden burst of guilt rose up within her

She wanted to say something but she couldn't get anything out. Eventually, she moved and layed in her bed. Star turned herself onto her stomach and sobbed into her pillow. Star and Marco's

friendship was over in the blink of an eye

A few hours later, another messenger came by with a letter for Star. "Princess! I found this letter in the main hall. It's from your squire Marco Diaz."

"What?!"

Chapter 3

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Star read the letter aloud to herself

"Dear Star, I have decided that I don't want to be your squire anymore. You have destroyed my life enough so I've gone into hiding. Don't bother looking for me. I never want to see you again. Sincerely, Marco"

"Oh my gosh! What have I done?!" Star grabbed her phone and texted Tom to come over right away. She then ran to the throne room

"Mom, dad! I need your help! Marco was mad at me and now he ran away!" Her parents just glanced at each other. Moon cleared her throat to speak

"It'll be alright dear. We'll find him in due time." She walked towards her daughter and put her hands on the princess's shoulders but she quickly shoved them off

"But he's still out there! We need to find him now! What if he gets hurt or-" Moon cuts her off

"STAR!" She sighs and continues to comfort her daughter

"Look, I get that you're concerned. We all are. But we can't afford to think irrationally about this. You two could use a break from each other. Besides, Marco is a smart kid. He can fend for himself."

Star's eyes filled with tears and she sniffed. "You're right mom. I'm sorry. I just don't know what I would do without him. I'm going to go back to my room. Thanks." She hugged the queen and walked back upstairs

She sat quietly on her bed and pulled out one of Marco's old hoodies she kept. She hugged it as tears streamed down her face.

Then, out of the corner of her eye, she noticed a picture of her and Marco she has on her desk

"Don't worry Marco, I'll find a way to bring you back." Star wrapped herself in the hoodie and laid down. That night, she cried herself to sleep

Chapter 4

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Earlier that same day, Marco wrote the letter and headed out of the castle. He left his hoodie on the ground, leaving just his grey shirt showing. It got blown away by the wind, lost forever. Marco headed straight into the Monster Temple. He was pacing back and forth in the room trying to figure out a plan

"Ugh, the nerve of her. I swear when I get my hands on Star, I'm gonna make her wish she was never born!" Suddenly he felt like someone was watching him. Marco turned around slowly

"Who's there?!"

"Now now, there's no need to be aggressive. Not that you could ever take me on anyway." The mysterious figure walked into the light to reveal himself

"Toffee?! I-I thought you were dead."

"It pays to have an army of monsters that just love their general. They did everything just to bring me back. Now, I couldn't help but overhear you want revenge on Star and her family."

"Yes but I don't want your help. I've been around Star so I know her weaknesses."

"But have you been around her family? You've *only* been around Star for 2 years. All you know is her fighting skills.

"And that's all I need to know."

"But you know nothing about her childhood *and* you know nothing about her parents. I possess knowledge that no one else has. For instance, have you ever wondered how the Great Monster Massacre happened? Or how I lost my finger?"

Marco gasped at what he just heard. Toffee was very persuading.

He contemplated on what he should do

"...How *did* you lose your finger?"

"Short answer.....Moon."

"Hehe, I should have known. Alright, I'm in."

Toffee laughs and says "Excellent." They shake hands to seal the deal

"Let's go destroy a kingdom!"

"Slow down karate boy. There's still one thing we need to make this work."

Chapter 5

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It was the next morning and Star was still sulking in her room. She felt so ashamed of what happened. She was willing to do anything to get her best friend back

Then there was a knock on her door. "Coming!" She got up from her bed and answered it. It was someone she wasn't expecting

"Tom?"

"Hey, I got your text. You wanna talk about it?" She gestured for him to come in. They both quietly sat down on Star's bed. She didn't know what to say but Tom broke the silence

"So, what happened? Why did he suddenly leave?" Star sighed deeply and closed her eyes as she began to speak

"It was my fault. I was being totally reckless and I let his parents die." She was trying to hold back tears but it was useless. She felt them slowly roll down her face. She looked down at her feet and clenched onto her pant leg. "I should have listened to him. Now he may never speak to me again."

Tom gently placed his hand on top of Star's. "Hey, look at me." He pulled her head up by the chin and they made eye contact. "It'll be okay. There was nothing you could've done. Let's just try to move on and focus on what to do now." The princess smiled at him in reassurance. Tom slowly began to lean in and pucker his lips. However, Star put her hand in between their faces to block it

"Nice try demon. I appreciate your concern but I'm not *that* desperate."

"Ahem, right.....sorry." There was awkward silence for a moment. Neither of them knew what to say until Tom had an idea

"I got an idea! How about we sneak out of here tomorrow morning and try to find Marco?"

"Wait, really?! You'd help me find him?"

"Well I know you'll sneak out eventually. If I can't stop you then I might as well help you."

"You know me so well." They both giggled and hugged. Star began thinking of a way to reach Marco. Then a light bulb went off. She gasps

"Wait a minute." She stood up and began rummaging through the drawers of her nightstand. Suddenly she felt something cold and hard. She found them

"Bingo! Lucky for us, he completely forgot about his dimensional scissors. So starting tomorrow, *w*e are going dimension hopping." Tom nodded firmly at the princess holding the scissors

"Okay, meet me at the front gate of your castle at 7am. And make sure to wear a disguise so your mom doesn't catch you."

"Oh, I won't need to worry about that. I was planning on sneaking out the window."

"But there's still guards outside."

"……..Right. Okay I'll wear something." They waved goodbye to each other and Tom made his way back to the Underworld

Chapter 6

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During that same night, Marco and Toffee were formulating a scheme to take over the castle

"Okay Toffee, what's the plan?" Marco was grinning and anxiously waiting for what he had to say

"Easy Diaz. I need you to grab the wand for this to work."

"Why? And why do *I* have to do it?"

"Firstly, I can't be seen at the castle. They'll instantly catch me. You can easily sneak by and no one will question. Secondly, we have to hit them where it hurts. We'll be unstoppable with that kind of power." Marco sighed. He knew Toffee was right. After all, he is the master planner

"Alright, I'll head towards the castle and steal the wand." He grabbed a black cloak and draped it over himself. He started walking towards the castle

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When Marco arrived at the castle, there were two guards standing outside. He decided to hide and sneak to the back. He crawled behind some bushes and made his way to Star's window. The lights were off so she must be asleep

He climbed up the wall and went through the window. He found the princess laying on her side, sound asleep in her bed. He spotted the wand on her nightstand. Marco carefully tiptoed towards the wand

He grabbed the wand. Marco was about to leave but he couldn't help but stare at the princess. For a second, he forgot what he was doing. He was having second thoughts but then he remembered what happened

Marco smiled menacingly and gently threaded his hand through her hair. He then whispered in her ear

"You have no idea what's coming for you." Unfortunately that stirred the princess awake. Marco panicked and quickly jumped back out the window. By the time Star sat up, he was gone. She shrugged it off and went back to sleep

Marco ran back to Toffee with the wand in his hand

Chapter 7

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Dawn came and Star's alarm was going off. She quickly hit the silence button and jumped out of bed. She ran to her drawer and grabbed the scissors. Then she put her hair up in a ponytail and grabbed a brunette wig she had lying around. She put on Marco's hoodie and jumped out the window. She spotted Tom and sprinted across towards him. She tapped him on the shoulder which made him jump

"Relax Tom, it's me."

"Star? What is that disguise?"

She pulled the hoodie off her head to reveal the wig underneath. "What do you mean? You said to look unrecognizable."

Tom rolled his eyes and moved on. Once they were in a safe place, Star removed the wig and pulled out the scissors

"Now if I were Marco, where would I want to hide?" Both thought about it for a while but then a light bulb went off in Star's head

"That's it! The Monster Temple!" She opened a portal and the two royals stepped through into the temple

"Marco?! Are you here?" Star was getting worried that maybe she was wrong. Then they heard footsteps. Both of them quickly turned around. Marco slowly walked out of the shadows with his hands behind his back

"Marco! Oh thank god. Listen, I'm sorry for what happened and I'm sorry I didn't do anything. Please come back. I miss you."

Marco scowled and scoffed at the princess. "It's not going to be that easy. Besides, I have someone else that understands me. Say hello to my new partner." Another shadow creeped up from behind

Marco. He slowly revealed himself in the light. Star had a look of complete shock and horror on her face

"Toffee?! I thought I killed you!"

"On the contrary princess. It's a very long story and I'm not going to bore you with the details."

"I don't care anyway. Just give me back Marco!" Marco growled at what she said

"I told you Star! I don't want to go back!!! I'm done with you! You ruined my life. And now I'm going to ruin yours." He pulled out the wand from behind his back. Star gasped

"My wand! But how did you-" A sudden realization hit her. She thought back to last night

"*You* were the one who snuck into my room last night."

"Took you long enough to notice." He prepared the wand to blast at Star and Tom. Star slowly backed up and put her hands up to her face

"I'm sorry Marco." She quickly turned into her butterfly form and went to attack Marco. Meanwhile, Tom was trying to keep Toffee busy. He blasting fire balls at him

Star was blasting every spell she knew at Marco but he was dodging everything. Once Star got close enough, Marco karate kicked her to the ground. The wind was knocked out of her. Marco approached her with the wand pointed at her face. Star looked up into his eyes. Then she saw something. Something in him that she hasn't seen in a while. It's almost like part of him didn't want to hurt her

Tom ruined the moment by hitting Marco with a fireball. It knocked him into the wall. "Star, come on! Let's get out of here!" Tom ran towards Star and picked her off the ground. Star opened a portal and they left. She kept flinching at all the injuries she suffered

"We need a new plan."

Chapter 8

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Star and Tom were back at the castle. Tom was attending to the princess's wounds. He had her lay in bed and dabbed the scars with a wet washcloth. He didn't like seeing her in pain

"Star, you need to talk to your parents. This is getting really serious."

"I know. But then they'll know that I went."

"They'll find out anyway with your wounds."

Star let out a sigh and sat up in bed. She tried to make her way to the throne room but not without help. Tom put her arm around his neck and helped her downstairs. As they arrived, Moon instantly noticed something was wrong

"Star! What happened?!" She ran towards her

"I sorta came across Marco in the Monster Temple. We had a fight and he hit me a few times. But I'm okay!"

"No, you're not! We need to clean you up."

"Wait mom! There's something I have to tell you." Star paused. She didn't know how her mother would react to what she's about to say

"Toffee is back." Moon gasped. They all stood there in silence for what felt like hours. Moon suddenly started walking away to grab her battle armor

"Mom! Where are you going?!" Star tried to reach out to the queen but she aggravated her injuries. Moon came back

"I'm sorry Star but don't worry. It's time I take care of Toffee once and for all. He's messed with this family for far too long." Moon hugged Star and kissed her on the forehead. "In the meantime, you

should get some rest."

Star nodded. She had Tom help her back to her room and in bed. After Tom left the room, she started thinking about what happened. She knew her best friend was in there somewhere. Eventually, she drifted off to sleep

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Moon was riding on her horse towards the temple. She was ready to face Toffee head on. Unfortunately, Toffee was ready for her. He was standing right by the entrance

"Hello Moon. Long time no see."

"Listen Toffee, leave my daughter alone. She's been through enough already." Marco appeared behind Toffee

"Oh hey queen. What do you want?"

"Marco, listen to me. Don't listen to Toffee. Come back home. You're a part of our family. I know you're a good kid. Don't do this." Marco had a somewhat sincere look on his face. He didn't know how to respond to this. Toffee interupted his thoughts

"Sorry my queen but that won't work." Moon was so concerned that she didn't pay attention to her surroundings. She accidentally tripped up an invisible wire which activated a trap door below. She fell through the floor and was instantly tied up

"Marco, if you please?" Toffee gestured and Marco walked towards the trap with the wand in hand. Moon desperately looked up at him

"Apologies Moon, but I got work to do." He blasted Moon, knocking her unconscious

Chapter 9

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Star quickly sat up in bed. She woke up in a cold sweat due to a nightmare. Suddenly, another messenger showed up. Star scowled

"Oh great, what now?!"

"My princess, it's your mother. She was captured by Toffee." Star gasped. She couldn't believe what she heard. She threw the covers off her body and ran downstairs to her father

"Dad! Mom has been caught by Marco and Toffee!" He quickly turned around

"What?! Why didn't anyone tell me?!" He dropped to his knees and began to sob. Star walked towards him and placed a hand on his shoulder

"It's okay dad. We'll get her back. We-we'll assemble an army of the most fiercest warriors and defeat Toffee once and for all."

River looked up at his daughter. "You think so?" Star nodded her head.

"Then what are we waiting for!" He suddenly stood up and ran towards the meeting room

Meanwhile, Star sent out a text to Tom to let him know what's going on. Then she called Kelly for backup

"Heeeyyyy Kelly. Listen, I need your help. Something happened to Marco and now he's holding my mom hostage. Can you assist me in leading an army to get her back and defeat Toffee?"

"Sure, no problem Star. Anything for you two."

"Thanks. Byyyyyyyeeee!" Star hung up and gathered all the knights in the meeting room. She sat down at the head of the table

"Okay everybody, pay attention! Now, we are going to be up against the most feared creature in Mewni. But I know with our strength and determination, we can win this!" One knight raised his hand

"Um, you'll be leading us right?" Star chuckled

"Oh I won't be leading you." Suddenly someone bursted through the door. It was Kelly wearing armor and wielding a sword

"Look alive soldiers! We're at war!" Kelly stood next to the princess and Star put a hand on her shoulder

"This is Kelly! One of my best friends. She'll be leading the charge. But don't worry. I will still gladly fight by your side. Kelly, prepare them for battle while I prepare myself." Kelly gave Star a solute. As Star walked out, she could faintly hear Kelly giving orders

Star was pacing back and forth in the hallway. She suddenly broke down into tears. She didn't want anything bad to happen to Marco. She made sure nobody could hear her and then she let out a blood-curdling scream

"Why??!! I failed him!" She dropped to her knees and sobbed into her hands. Then somebody walked in. Star was startled and quickly stood up. She looked to find that it was Tom. Neither of them said a word. Tom gave her a slight smile to reassure her. Star quickly ran into his arms and cried on his shoulder

A realization hit Tom. He knew Star's true feelings towards Marco and he was okay with it. Now the best he could do was be there for Star and continue being her friend. He rubbed the back of her head

"It'll be okay. I'm here."

Chapter 10

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It was the night of the battle and everyone was getting ready. Marco and Toffee moved themselves and Moon to Marco's old house that is now abolished and in shambles. Marco and Moon were hidden away in what used to be Star's room that was attached to the house. Moon started to wake up

"Wher-where am I?" Marco crouched down to her eye level

"Oh good, you're awake. You're gonna want to see this." He walked over and leaned on the frame of the open window

"Marco, please don't do this. This won't bring your parents back."

"You're right. It won't." He looked at a picture of him and Star that was on the dresser. "But she has to pay for what she did." He quickly set the picture back down, grabbed a knife out of his pocket, and stabbed the picture

Marco pulled out his wand and started to walk away. However, Moon still tried to stop him

"I know you had a crush on my daughter." Marco gasped and stopped in his tracks. He stood there and didn't say a word. "You loved her. And you still do. Are you really going to let this get in the way of that?!" Marco paused for a few more seconds then kept walking. He met up with Toffee outside

Star and her army were 20 feet away. Tom turned to her with a worried look on his face. "Are you ready for this?"

"Ready as I'll ever be." She stood on the top of the hill with her mother's crown in her hand

Meanwhile, Toffee gathered up his own monsters to rival Star. Toffee and Marco stood on the other side of the hill. Toffee turned

to Marco with a smirk on his face. "Ready for this?"

Marco scowled with hate in his eyes. "Ready as I'll ever be."

Chapter 11 (finale)

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All was quiet. Both sides were standing on opposite sides of a hill. The only sound that could be heard was of thunder and lightning. Everyone just stared at each other for what felt like an eternity. Then Star shouted at her troops

"For the glory of Mewni!!" Then she whispered under her breath. "And for Marco." She triumphantly raised her fist in the air. "Charge!!!!"

Everyone started running towards Toffee, Marco and their monster army. As Star was running, she transformed into her butterfly form. The army followed suit and ran towards the opposing side

As soon as they clashed, chaos insued. Kelly, Jorby, and the Mewni soldiers were fighting all the monsters. Meanwhile, Star was fighting Toffee and Tom was going against Marco. Star was handling herself pretty well. Whereas Tom was struggling

Marco was too strong for him. Tom got knocked out of the sky with a very powerful blast from the wand. As soon as he hit the ground, Marco grabbed his leg, spun him around, and flung him into the house debris. Then Tom noticed something on the ground. It was an old camcorder. He turned it on and found something shocking. He quickly got up and ran to Star with it

Back on the battlefield, Kelly and Jorby were beating monsters left and right. Toffee managed to hit Star a few times and almost knocked her down. Then out of nowhere, Tom let out the biggest fireball he's ever made and knocked Toffee unconscious

"Tom, what's going on?!" Tom came over panting and handed her the camcorder

"There's something you need to see." Star took a close look at the footage. She let out a small gasp

"I need to get Marco."

Star ran to the top of the hill and screamed at the top of her lungs. "Marco Diaz! I have something for you!" Marco turned around

"I don't want anything from you!!"

"It's a message from your parents!" Marco gasped. He started walking up the hill

"Fine." He called off the fighting and grabbed the camcorder. The footage started with Marco's parents standing in their old living room. Marco teared up at the sight of them

"Mom. Dad."

Mrs Diaz began to speak on the tape. "Hi Marco. I really hope this gets to you. Anyway, some random guys showed up here to go after you and.....we offered ourselves up instead so you would be safe. We just want you to know that we love you so much. And please don't blame Star for any of this. This was our choice."

Mr Diaz then spoke. "Go and enjoy your life son. We'll always be with you."

"We wish you and Star the best. Create happy memories and..goodbye Marco." The tape went to static

Without saying a word, Marco dropped the camcorder on the ground and fell to his knees. All of a sudden, tears came streaming down his face. He let his head hang down as he was sobbing loudly

Star dropped down to his level and hugged him tight

Marco cried into her shoulder. He was barely able to say something to her. "I'm sorry! I'm sorry!" He started to tremble in her arms

Star tried her best to comfort him. She rubbed his back. "Shhh. It's okay. I'm here now."

It took a couple of minutes before Marco could relax. The two of them looked in each other eyes. Then Marco leaned in for a kiss

They soon realized that Toffee is still around. Toffee was furious

"This isn't the last you'll hear of me! I know your weakness Star Butterfly. I know how this all ends!"

Marco looked at Star confidently and pulled out his wand. "You ready?" Star gave him a nod in return

The two of them combined their powers and released one big spell at the same time and obliterated Toffee. This time, for good. They then walked into the tower to untie Moon

She was a little nervous at first. But then she realized Marco was good again

"Hey Queen. I'm sorry I did all this to you and your family. You probably hate me now." He began to tear up again

"Oh Marco. It's alright dear. I knew you weren't evil all along. You are the sweetest boy I've ever met. All is forgiven." She gave him a big hug

Everybody went home. Star and Marco started a new life together on Mewni. Which would soon merge with Earth

The two of them fell in love and started a family of their own and lived peacefully

The End